Posters appealing to join Khalistan armed police in Gurdaspur District

2210 SHRI M KADHARSHA Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that extremists have set up Khalistan Armed Police,

(b) if so, whether Government are also aware that in Gurdaspur District posters appealing the youth to join Khalistan Armed Police have appeared;

(c) whether it is also a fact that an extremist Group has again gone to Pakistan to expedite supply of arms and ammunition, and

(d) if so, what steps Government are contemplating in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM) (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the Government of Punjab, the report in the press in the matter has not been confirmed so far

(c) and (d) Government have received reports in this regard and the authorities concerned have been alerted and directed to maintain close watch

US offer of collaboration in manufacturing light combat aircraft

2211. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the U S. Government has offered to collaborate in the manufacture of Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) and also to modernise the Indian defence forces,

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard, stating the terms and conditions enjoined with this offer, and

(c) whether Government have considered the US offer; if so, what is the decision, if any, taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH) (a) The US Government has proposed defence technology cooperation as a "Mission Area" in Aeronautics/LCA and Government of India is considering acquisition of selected technologies/systems, not related directly to any single aircraft

(b) and (c) The purchase of 11 GE 404 Engines as Interim Power System for the LCA has been approved by the Government. As far as other technologies/systems are concerned, the matter is under the consideration of Government

Mishaps in the Talcher Heavy Water Plant

2212 SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) what is the number of serious and minor mishaps which took place in the Talcher Heavy Water Plant since 1972,

(b) what is the extent of loss suffered as a result thereof and the period by which the plants commissioning has been delayed thereby, stating the cost escalation as against the original estimate, and

(c) whether Government have made any indepth study of the problems being faced by the said plant, if so, what are the details thereof, stating the steps taken by Government to overcome these problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R NARAYANAN) (a) and (b) An explosion followed by fire took place on April 29, 1986 and a minor incident of ignition of hydrogen on September 1, 1985. These resulted in a loss of about Rs. 40.00 lakhs. Since both these incidents occurred after the commit-

sioning of the plant they did not contribute to any delay in the commissioning of the plant

(c) An Enquiry Committee constituted in May, 1986 has established the cause of the accident and has also suggested preventive measures to be taken to avoid recurrence of the type of incident that occurred on April 29, 1986. The plant is now ready for start-up, duly revamped, and is awaiting safety clearance as well as availability of inputs from the Fertiliser Plant.

Inflow of Pakistani arms from across the border

2213. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that despite various measures taken by Government, there is no substantial decline in the inflow of Pakistani arms from across the border;

(b) if so, what are the details of the arms seized at the Indo-Pak borders since the beginning of 1986, till date and how does it compare with the arms seized during the corresponding period in 1985, and

(c) the names of border areas with Pakistan which are most vulnerable and what measures have been taken by Government to strengthen the existing system at these vulnerable points to check the inflow of Pakistani arms into the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) It is not correct to say that despite various measures there is no substantial decline in the inflow of Pakistani arms from across the border.

(b) Details of arms seized at the Indo-Pak borders in 1985 and 1986 are furnished in the attached statement. (See below).

(c) From the seizure of the weapons on the border, it is seen that Derababa Nanak, Khemkaran and Fazilka areas in Punjab and Sriganganagar area in Rajasthan are found to be more vulnerable from the point of view of arms smuggling from Pakistan to India. The security forces on the Indo-Pak border are on alert Measures taken for strengthening surveillance along the border include: strengthening of BSF, establishment of additional border outposts, construction of observation post towers and providing increased mobility to border patrols etc.

Statement

Details of arms seized by the BSF on Indo-Pak border in 1986 (*January to* 15*th November*) *and in* 1985 (*January to* 15*th November*)

	1986		1985	
1	Pistol	20	1 Pistol	19
2	Revolver	3	2 Revolver	4
3	Gun	3	3 Gun	3
4	Rifle	1	4 Rifle	1
5	.303 Rifle (local made)	1	5 Country made pistol	4
6	Country/local made pistol	6	6 .303 rifle	2
7	38 pistol	1	7 12 Bore Gun	1
8	12 Bore pistol	1		
9	7.65 mm./.32 pistol (Spana making)	1		
10	12 bore Single barrel Muzzle loading gun	1		